

Search for CAB aviators shifts to recovery effort

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search for five Soldiers in a UH-60 Black Hawk that likely crashed approximately 2 miles off Kaena Point at around 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

“Our five Soldiers, who represent the best and the brightest of America, have not been found,” Maj. Gen. Christopher Cavoli, commander of the 25th Infantry Division, said during a press conference, here, at noon, on Monday, Aug. 21.

The announcement shifted the mission from a search and rescue effort to a recovery and salvage effort. The official status of the Soldiers was changed from active duty to DUSTWUN, an acronym for “duty status whereabouts unknown.”

Army officials did not confirm that the Soldiers were deceased.

Soldiers identified

The Soldiers were identified as follows:

- 1st Lt. Kathryn M. Bailey, 26, of Hope Mills, North Carolina;
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brian M. Woeber, 41, of Decatur, Alabama;
- Chief Warrant Officer 2 Stephen T. Cantrell, 32, of Wichita Falls, Texas;
- Staff Sgt. Abigail R. Milam, 33, of Jenkins, Kentucky; and
- Sgt. Michael L. Nelson (a photo is not available), 30, of Anitoch, Tennessee.

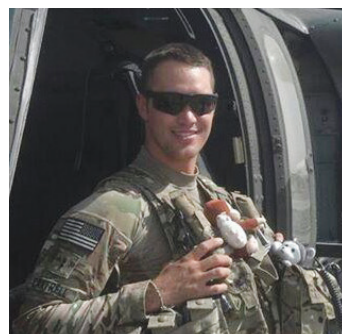
All were with Company A of the 25th ID’s 2nd Battalion, 25th Inf. Regiment,



Bailey



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Cantrell



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25th Combat Aviation Brigade, and all were recipients of numerous awards and medals. Woeber had deployed to Afghanistan and Egypt, Cantrell had deployed twice to Afghanistan and once to Iraq, and Nelson had deployed twice to Afghanistan.

“Even as we grieve, we have a mission to do,” Cavoli said. “The next phase is focused on recovery operations. We will work with our Navy and our Army partners to do everything possible to understand the circumstances of this terrible situation and to do our best to bring those Soldiers home to their families. We owe our Soldiers and their families nothing less.”

Extensive search effort

Rear Adm. Vincent Atkins, commander of the Coast Guard’s 14th District in Honolulu, said the decision to suspend

the search was difficult.

“It weighs heavily, particularly on the hearts of the Coast Guard,” he said. “I want the families and the Soldiers of the 25th ID to know that your Coast Guard search and rescue crews, along with our partners from the Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Honolulu Fire Department, Ocean Safety and Lifeguard offices, the Kauai Fire Department and the U.S. Navy, used all of our training and professionalism in this very dynamic situation to mount the best response possible.”

Divers from a U.S. Navy Mobile Diving and Salvage Recovery unit are helping in the recovery and salvage efforts.

The Coast Guard has scoured a total of 96,110 square miles and launched more than 132 separate searches since the Black Hawk was reported missing to the Coast Guard at around 10 p.m., Tuesday,

Aug. 15, according to the Coast Guard. The search began off Kaena Point, but officials extended it west beyond Kauai and Niihau after consulting data from drift models.

Invaluable combat training

The Soldiers had been taking part in a routine nighttime flight training mission when another UH-60 Black Hawk that had also been training lost visual and radio contact with them at around 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

That Black Hawk did a flyover and attempted to re-establish contact before returning to Wheeler Army Airfield and notifying the U.S. Coast Guard at around 10 p.m. on Tuesday.

“The lead helicopter ... did turn around to search immediately and followed all

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2IBCT engineers train at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center

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CAMP ATTERBURY, Indiana — Engineers assigned to the 65th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, sharpened their skills at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC), here, July 17 to Aug. 16.

MUTC can be described as a combat engineer’s playground, offering 1,000 acres for full-immersion contemporary urban training with a 180-acre reservoir, extensive searchable/maneuverable and instrumented utility tunnel system and even a flooded community.

The opportunity to train at MUTC stemmed from 2IBCT’s partnership with 1st Bn., 151st Inf. Regt. of the Indiana National Guard, as part of the Army’s Associated Units Pilot Program, which pairs an active duty unit with Guard or Reserve components prior to mobilization.

For 2IBCT, the pairing also provides diverse training opportunities in one the Army’s most premier training areas.

“Training at Muscatatuck is important because it allows progression in some of



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kenneth Burkhart

Pfc. Maria Hawk, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) specialist with 65th BEB, 2nd IBCT, 25th ID, removes the seal from a beaker of unknown chemicals during the unit’s CBRN training at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, Indiana, recently. The 65th BEB, stationed out of Schofield Barracks, spent two weeks in southern Indiana for urban training operations.

our mission essential tasks,” said Lt. Col. James Kruger, commander, 65th BEB. “We are also developing our relationship

with our partnered unit 1-151, based out of Indiana, as well as training in a complex environment that we don’t get

here in Hawaii.”

Throughout the training deployment, Soldiers of the 65th BEB sharpened their warfighting skills by conducting underground facility training, river reconnaissance training, clearance breaching, CBRN training, as well as a platoon live-fire exercise.

Staff Sgt. Kerry Washington, team leader, B Company, described the river reconnaissance training as very important because it gives Soldiers the ability to be more versatile.

“We don’t have to use the roadways; we can actually engage the enemy on the opposite end of the river,” said Washington.

Leveraging the expansive tunnel systems of MUTC, engineers of 65th BEB were able to conduct realistic subterranean combat training.

“You never know what you are going to encounter here,” said Pfc. Nathan Duran. “If we encounter tunnels or underground places, we know exactly what to do, and there should be a second thought because we trained for it. You have to check doors for trip wires, make sure that’s not rigged and make sure you breach it properly because you don’t want you or your team to get hit.”

Sergeant returns home to Nepal for Pacific Angel 17-4 mission

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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — When the opportunity arose for engineers to join a team of U.S. armed forces traveling to Nepal to provide humanitarian aid to the local Nepali people, U.S. Army Sgt. Rajeev Neupane readily volunteered.

Pacific Angel 17-4 in Gorkha, Nepal, allowed Neupane to return home and give back to his people.

“There are not many people who can say they’ve come back home to do something good for their own people, and especially as a U.S. Soldier,” said Neupane, 523rd Engineer Support Company, 130th Engineer Brigade interior electrician, 8th Theater Sustainment Command.

For Neupane, the journey that led him to where he is now started at a very young age.

“I was born in a small town on the southern border towards India, and my father was a farmer,” said Neupane. “I have a big family with five sisters and one brother. As I was growing up, my father wanted me to get a better education in a bigger city.”

In second grade, Neupane moved to the city of Chitwan to live with his older sister and her children. After tenth grade, he began focusing on science in preparation for medical school when he received the news that his father was sick.

“I decided to bring him to Katmandu to start taking him to different hospitals to diagnose what was wrong with him, and finally, after six months, the doctors

explained he had lung cancer,” Neupane said. “After a couple months, he passed away.”

Realizing medical school had now become too expensive, he decided to apply for a visa and moved to the U.S. where he overcame a whole new set of challenges.

“It took me months to go to a McDonald’s because the menu seemed too fancy and Walmart was too big for me,” Neupane said. “The first time I went to McDonalds, I took a picture with the big ‘M’ in front of the restaurant, and it was really exciting for me. My first visit to Walmart ended up being Black Friday where I bought a T-shirt for 10 dollars, and I thought that was the best thing that ever happened to me.”

After graduating from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in civil engineering, he learned about a program called the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest. MAVNI allows certain non-citizens who are legally in the U.S. to join the military if they hold certain critical skills such as medical knowledge or expertise in certain languages with associated cultural backgrounds.

Neupane being born and raised in Nepal afforded him the opportunity to join the U.S. Army in 2014 and use his degree to become an electrician.

As one of the engineers responsible for providing infrastructure repairs in Gorkha during PACANGEL 17-4, he was able to tap into his language skillset.

“At times, the language barrier could be a bit of a challenge for us,” said Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Russell, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron site supervisor for PA-



Sgt. Rajeev Neupane, an interior electrician in 523rd Eng. Spt. Co., 130th Eng. Bde., and a Nepal Army counterpart (in the back), paint a wall at the Shree Mahendra Higher Secondary School during PACANGEL 17-4 in Gorkha, Nepal, Aug. 14. PACANGEL is a multilateral humanitarian assistance civil military engagement, which improves military-to-military partnerships in the Pacific while also providing medical health outreach, civic engineering projects and subject matter exchanges among partner forces.

CANGEL 17-4. “We were out there working with U.S. service members as well as Nepali service members, so having someone who spoke both languages helped out immensely.”

Neupane last visited Nepal in 2015, but coming back as part of PACANGEL

was quite a different experience.

“It’s absolutely amazing,” Neupane said. “For me, it’s something different than what everyone else may feel. Nepali parents are telling their children to be more like me, and for me to be seen as a role model is incredible.”

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NEWLY ACTIVATED



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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 25th Infantry Division Main Command Post Operational Detachment (MCP-OD) is activated, above, here, Aug. 17. The ceremony was hosted by Maj. Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli (at podium), 25th ID commander.

The 25th ID'S MCP-OD is the only division level MCP-OD in the Army Reserve and joins nine National Guard MCP-ODs across the country being assigned to active duty divisions in order to provide headquarters elements with the additional manpower for areas such as intelligence, operations and logistics.

Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, top right, delivered remarks and honored the unit's new commander, Lt. Col. Gavin Tsuda (holding plaque), a native of Honolulu.

At bottom right, the Tsuda family poses for a remembrance photo.



DOD initiates process to elevate CYBERCOM

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WASHINGTON — At the direction of the president, the Defense Department on Friday (Aug. 18) initiated the process to elevate U.S. Cyber Command to a unified combatant command.

“This new unified combatant command will strengthen our cyberspace operations and create more opportunities to improve our nation's defense,” said President Donald J. Trump in a written statement.

The elevation of the command demonstrates the increased U.S. resolve against cyberspace threats and will help reassure allies and partners and deter adversaries, the statement said.

The elevation also will help to streamline command and control of time-sensitive cyberspace operations by consolidating them under a single commander with authorities commensurate with the importance of those operations and will ensure that critical cyberspace operations

are adequately funded, the statement said.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is examining the possibility of separating U.S. Cyber Command from the National Security Agency, and he will announce his recommendations at a later date.



Growing mission

The decision to elevate U.S. Cyber Command is consistent with Mattis' recommendation and the requirements of the fiscal year 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, Kenneth P. Rapuano, assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense and global security, told reporters at the Pentagon on Friday.

“The decision is a welcome and necessary one that ensures that the nation is best positioned to address the increasing threats in cyberspace,” he added.

CYBERCOM's elevation from its previous subunified command status demonstrates the growing centrality of cyberspace to U.S. national security, Rapuano said, adding that the move signals the U.S. resolve to

“embrace the changing nature of warfare and maintain U.S. military superiority across all domains and phases of conflict.”

CYBERCOM was established in 2009 in response to a clear need to match and exceed enemies seeking to use the cyber realm to attack the United States and its allies.

The command is based at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, with the National Security Agency.

Navy Adm. Michael S. Rogers is the commander of U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Agency director. The president has directed Mattis to recommend a commander for U.S. Cyber Command; for now, Rogers remains in the dual-hatted role, Rapuano said.

More strategic role

Since its establishment, CYBERCOM has grown significantly, consistent with DOD's cyber strategy and reflective of major increases in investments in capabilities and infrastructure, Rapuano said. The command

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UFG to strengthen efforts in defense of South Korea

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WASHINGTON — A joint U.S.-South Korean computer-simulated defensive exercise kicked off, Monday, and is meant to strengthen joint efforts for the defense of South Korea, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Sunday.

Ulchi Freedom Guardian, which runs to Aug. 31, is focusing on command post operations for the integration of efforts, Mattis told reporters traveling with him while en route to Jordan on the first leg of an overseas trip.

“This right now is an exercise to make certain that we're ready to defend South Korea and our allies over there,” he said, adding that “because of the specific circumstance, we want it to be a command post-heavy, command post exercise.”

The exercise is defensive in nature, Mattis said, noting that joint exercises have been going on for decades. The exercise operates transparently and is carefully planned out to prevent any misinterpretation on what is occurring, he said.

“It's calculated to not allow for miscalculation,” he added. The number of troops involved is because of the focus of this year's exercise – command and control – and not in response to any factor from North Korea, he explained.

Highlights long-standing partnership

Ulchi Freedom Guardian is designed to enhance readiness, protect the region and maintain stability on the Korean Peninsula, Defense Department officials said.

About 17,500 U.S. service members will



U.S. Army photo by Maj. Ryan Donald
U.S. and South Korean Soldiers conduct operations in the Combined Joint Task Force Elimination Headquarters during 2016's Ulchi-Freedom Guardian, Aug. 28, 2016, Seoul, South Korea.

participate, with about 3,000 coming from installations outside South Korea. They will join military forces from major South Korean units representing all services, as well as South Korean government participants.

In addition, United Nations Command forces from seven nations – Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom – will participate.

Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission observers will monitor the exercise to ensure it complies with the 1953 armistice agree-

ment, defense officials said. Training exercises like Ulchi Freedom Guardian are carried out in the spirit of the Oct. 1, 1953, South Korean-U.S. Mutual Defense Treaty and in accordance with the armistice, the officials added.

“These exercises also highlight the long-standing military partnership, commitment and enduring friendship between the two nations, help to ensure peace and security on the peninsula, and reaffirm U.S. commitment to the alliance,” a defense official said in the statement announcing the exercise.

Voices of Ohana

We wondered,
What is the most important issue facing the U.S. today?
At Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School, Schofield Barracks



“Racism, because of what had happened at Charlottesville.”

Kumuu Dee Tabion
Hawaiiana teacher
DKI Elem. School



“Racism. You see it on TV every day.”

Schuyler Castellano
Custodian
DKI Elem. School



“Racism. I see it on Facebook.”

Chelsea Kyme
Family member



“Security from outside forces.”

GiGi Jackson
Family member



“I'm torn between national security and the hate amongst each other within the U.S.”

Shelley Campbell
Family member

LSSLF to save Sustainers’ time and build readiness

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — What about an organization determines its overall success? Leadership.

With this in mind, Col. Dennis H. Levesque, the newest commander for the 25th Sustainment Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, gathered leaders from the company level and up, Aug. 3-4, to hold the first Lightning Support Senior Leaders Forum.

The LSSLF was designed as an open discussion conference to better plan, execute and manage time for units within the Lightning Support brigade.

“There needs to be collective buy-in from the organization,” said Levesque. “I think I would be stupid if I did not take their experiences, ideas and understanding of the current reality, and leverage that for the good of the entire organization.”

Understanding that he cannot know every single unit’s individual training needs, Levesque wanted to create an event that would give leaders an opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions. With Levesque only having taken command on June 30, this would also give him more insight into what problems his unit’s leaders have been facing.

In order to have the LSSLF, Levesque tasked Maj. Kevin Hoffman, the brigade operations officer, with organizing the event.

“The intent was building a shared mission vision for the entire brigade,” said Hoffman. “We wanted to focus on core essentials and get away from redundant meetings.”

The LSSLF began with a large open discussion, and ended with leaders

building a long range training calendar for the next two years. The Lightning Support Brigade is now able to create predictability within its ranks, and in turn save time, he said.

“The long range planning will help give time back to the Soldiers, so they can focus on their individual readiness,” said Hoffman.

Though the conference and planning portion of the LSSLF was a critical to the training, leaders who attended also completed the “pillbox hike” on the north side of Oahu.

“The purpose of the hike was to get out of that conference setting, so leaders could come together and have a shared experience together,” said Hoffman. “You won’t remember just sitting around at a conference, so we wanted to add in something to reinforce team-building.”

At the end of the LSSLF, leaders were able to leave knowing that their brigade commander fully supported them and their units, he said.

“It’s not just me commanding this brigade,” said Levesque. “It goes back to ‘ohana; this is our family and we are going to make decisions collectively as a family.”

Right — Col. Dennis H. Levesque, commander of the 25th Sust. Bde., 25th ID, receives his unit’s colors from Maj. Gen. Christopher Cavoli, the commanding general of the 25th ID, during his recent change of command ceremony, at Leaders Field, Schofield Barracks.

Since becoming the brigade commander of the Lightning Support Brigade, Levesque has created the Lightning Support Senior Leaders Forum for leaders to openly discuss their unit’s training needs with the brigade commander and increase readiness.



Leaders from the 25th Sust. Bde., 25th ID, stand atop the Ehukai Pillboxes in Haleiwa, Aug. 4, during the first ever Lightning Support Senior Leaders Forum.



599th Trans. Bde. and partners upload 25th CAB on M/V Jean Anne

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PEARL HARBOR — The 599th Transportation Brigade and partners uploaded 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, cargo and equipment onto the M/V Jean Anne during port operations, here, Aug. 16.

Frank Viray, 599th traffic management specialist, said teamwork was responsible for the move’s success.

“We’re loading the ship with help from Team Pasha, Team FLC and Team 25th CAB,” Viray said. “We have two shifts and everything is going very well. We trained Cargo Handling Battalion 8, and they are taking care of the lashing.”

Navy Chief Petty Officer Mike Rosenberg from NCHB 8 in the Bronx, New York, was leading the cargo handling battalion.

“We have people here from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York,” Rosenberg said. “We had to train the new people for four days before the upload. It was great training. We had three experienced people here who helped run the training. Everybody else was newer.

“We don’t drive the vehicles on. We let the Army drive and we secure the cargo on the ship,” he explained.

Staff Sgt. Angel Santiago, 25th CAB noncommissioned officer in charge of mobility, said he was pleased with the move.

“Everything is going smooth and faster than we thought,” Santiago said. “We are ahead of schedule. Even with minor issues, I’m happy with the move.”

Robert Meno, cargo distribution chief for the 836th Trans. Battalion described the move.

“The Jean Anne came in at 7 a.m., and



25th CAB Soldiers load a Black Hawk helicopter onto the M/V Jean Anne during upload operations at Pearl Harbor, Aug. 16.

let down the ramp at 7:50 a.m.,” he said. “The first piece was uploaded at 8:15. From there on, we loaded the containers using trucks to load. We loaded the vehicles at the same times. That type of cargo was done by 11:30 a.m.

“After the lunch break, they began loading the helicopters. The first helo loaded at 12:45 p.m. There are a few left-over trucks that have to be loaded onto the deck after the helicopters because of their height, which was greater than the 13-foot limit on the other deck, and to balance out the weight for the stow plan. I project completion by 1900, although we are short on tug drivers for the helicopters today.”

Before the port operation, members of the 599th and the 836th Deployment and Distribution Management Team (DDMT) worked with 25th CAB as they had their cargo inspected at the Multifunctional Deployment Facility (MDF) on Wheeler Army Airfield.

“We sent a two-person advanced team in early last week to help the unit down at the MDF,” said Lt. Col. Clydea Prichard-Brown, 836th Trans. Bn. commander and DDMT leader. “They had some problems with their forms, and we were able to assist them with that before they came to the port.”

Clayton Maciorowski, 599th information technology specialist, said the work went well from an information technology standpoint.

“I have just been adding people onto the scanners and making sure there are no issues with IT equipment or software. We’ve also been testing radios that we purchased recently. We have a problem with radios when you get too far into the ship, so we’ve been working to find a repeater for them.”

Prichard-Brown said she appreciated working the move.

“It is a great opportunity to have a mission like this to train all of our new people



From left, Greg Pangelinan, Guam Detachment transportation specialist; Sgt. 1st Class Maria Dargo, 599th SARC; and Staff Sgt. Andre Carroll, 599th operations NCO, scan and record equipment before it is loaded on the ship during upload operations at Pearl Harbor.

on how we do missions,” she said. The last piece of cargo was loaded at 7:08 p.m., and the ship sailed at 6 a.m. on Aug. 17.

Participating in the move were the 599th Trans. Bde., 836th Trans. Bn., 837th Trans. Bn., Guam Detachment, Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor, 25th CAB, 18th Trans. Det. Movement Control Team, and Pasha Hawaii.

8th TSC honors retirees in celebration of service

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FORT SHAFTER — The 8th Theater Sustainment Command celebrated the service of five sustainers during a Celebration of Service retirement ceremony at the Hale Ikena, here, Aug. 17.

The Soldiers honored retired after serving a total of 115 years of service to our nation.

Hosting the ceremony was Maj. Gen. Susan Davidson, commanding general of the 8th TSC, who thanked the retirees for their selfless service of 20 years or more.

“Being a Soldier can be such a rewarding, purposeful part of your life because you get to make a difference in the lives of those you serve with every day, and keep our nation safe. But, it’s also often stressful, tiring and sometimes even lonely, especially when you’re serving overseas and away from your loved ones,” said Davidson.

“But despite those challenges, everyone here has dedicated two decades of their lives, or more, to the profession of arms you represent so impeccably. It is my honor to help recognize you today.”

Honored during the ceremony were the following:

- Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Binford, previous senior enlisted leader for the 8th TSC;
- Master Sgt. Kevin Conley, chief paralegal noncommissioned officer for the 8th TSC;



The 8th TSC celebrates the service of five sustainers during a retirement ceremony, Aug. 17, at the Hale Ikena. The Soldiers honored retired after serving a total of 115 years of service to our nation.

- Master Sgt. Davidson Dominique, operations sergeant for the 8th Military Police Brigade;
 - Master Sgt. Michael Dudley, senior maintenance supervisor for the 8th MP Bde.; and
 - Staff Sgt. Leroy Holmes Jr., advanced culinary NCO for the 8th Special Troops Battalion.
- In her closing, Davidson noted the impact each

retiree had on the 8th TSC and the Army throughout their years of service.

“Your devotion has made us a better Army, and your dedication has made us a better TSC,” she said. “Your contribution will be felt for years to come, and your legacy will live on through each and every person you have mentored and impacted.”

Black Hawk: Cause has not been determined

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protocols,” Cavoli said. “Suffice it to say, the pilot of the helicopter that remained after conducting the immediate search knew that he did not have all the things on board to launch a professional search and so called U.S. Coast Guard.”

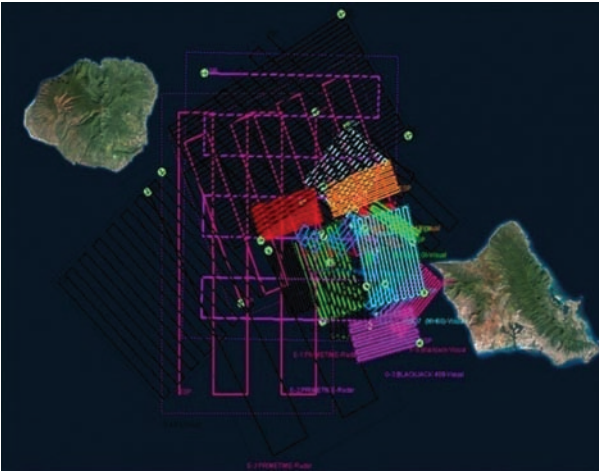
Cavoli said nighttime flight training is invaluable to Soldiers’ readiness and will continue.

“It’s important to have nighttime training in general because the techniques used to fly a helicopter at night are demanding and involve developing a great deal of experience with those techniques,” Cavoli said. “Specifically, flying with night vision goggles under low illumination conditions is a demanding thing that requires the highest level of training.

“Absolutely we will continue to conduct nighttime training in general. ... We will have to train at night; we will continue to train at night. It’s an absolutely necessary part of combat skills,” he added.

Investigation launched

The cause of the helicopter crash has not been determined. Teams from the Army’s Combat Readiness/



U.S. Coast Guard image
This image illustrates Coast Guard-led search efforts as of Aug. 18. The Coast Guard was assisted by assets from the Army, Navy, Honolulu Fire Department, Department of Natural Resources and Ocean Safety and Life-guard Services.

Safety Center in Fort Rucker, Alabama, are on the island to investigate the incident.

“(The Combat Readiness Center) is the primary organization for doing flight safety inspections for (the Army), so they will conduct an investigation to determine what went wrong,” Cavoli said. “I do not know if the debris found so far is everything they need. I do

know they will want more specific things as we go forward, and that’s one of the objects of (the Navy) salvage operation.”

The Coast Guard began finding debris from the Black Hawk on Wednesday, Aug. 16. As of Monday, Aug. 21, officials had found four Army helmets and debris of varying sizes from the Black Hawk.

Army officials did not confirm that the helmets belonged to the missing Soldiers.

Prohibited Area

A safety zone established by the U.S. Coast Guard remains in effect while salvage and recovery efforts continue. The safety zone extends out in a 5 nautical mile radius from the point roughly 2 miles north-west of Kaena Point.

Unauthorized vessels and personnel are prohibited from entering the area.

Debris from the crash may still be floating in the water or washed ashore. Army officials are warning the public that the debris is considered hazardous and should only be recovered by authorized recovery teams with proper training and protective equipment.

Sharp edges from the debris pose potential risks. Those who encounter aircraft debris along the north and west shores of Oahu should report it to the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade at 656-1080.

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

25 / Friday

Women’s Equality Day

— The 500th Military Intelligence Brigade will host this year’s observance today at 10-11:15 a.m. at Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. The keynote address will be followed by a Q&A discussion panel luncheon at K-Quad dining facility on Schofield from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Call Master Sgt. Helena N. Taylor at 787-6819 for more details.

City Lights — Nonprofit organizations wanting to create a display on the

Frank F. Fasi Civic Center grounds during the annual Honolulu City Lights exhibition must apply now through Sept. 1 or send completed applications postmarked by Sept. 1. Or, hand deliver applications by 4:30 p.m. to the Department of Customer Services at 550 South King St., Honolulu.

Permits will be issued for five display sites through a lottery that will take place Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. in the Mission Memorial Building Hearings Room at 550 South King St. Applicants are welcome to attend the lottery, but need not be present to be selected.

Applicants must be nonprofit organizations. Proof of the designation must be submitted with the application. The permit application, instructions and rules are available at www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/csd/HCL_Display_Application_2017.pdf or by contacting the Dept. of Customer Services at 768-3392.

Abandoned Vehicles

— Listen to Hawaii Public Radio to get the latest facts on abandoned vehicles. Go to <http://hpr2.org/post/conversation-wednesday-august-16th-2017>.

September 2 / Saturday

Battleship Missouri Memorial — The public is invited to attend a special ceremony commemorating 72 years of peace between the U.S. and Japan and the end of World War II aboard the famed ship’s fantail on Saturday, Sept. 2. The event begins at 9:02 a.m. Guests should be seated by 8:45 a.m.

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Advisories from Army and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) sources. Provides traffic, construction and outage information.

25 / Friday

Manoa Valley — The Department of Facility Maintenance has begun road repairs on Manoa Road, East Manoa Road and Nipo Street. The repair work includes some repaving through the mill and fill technique and the filling of potholes.

Barring weather-related delays, the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of September. Motorists are advised to avoid the area, if possible, and use alternate routes.

Crews will be working Mondays-Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

For questions, call 768-3600.

September 5 / Tuesday

Wright Avenue — Modified traffic flow will be in effect at Wright Avenue between Kunia and Elleman roads for pavement repairs.

Road closures will occur from Sept. 5-20 from 6 p.m.-2 a.m. Expect single lane traffic and traffic detours on Wright Avenue to allow gate access.

This schedule is subject to change pending weather delays.

Lauhala Road — This Wheeler Army Airfield road will have lane closures on Lauhala Road North of

Sargent Street for utility installation. The road will be restricted to one lane access from Sept. 5-19. The work will be performed in two Phases.

Phase I will occupy the east side of the Lauhala from Sept. 5-12. Phase II will occupy the west side of the road from Sept. 13-19.

During both phases, traffic on the north end of Sargent Street needing to exit onto Lauhala must access Lauhala from the south end of Sargent Street. Work will be performed between 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Ongoing

Ganhan Road — This road on Wheeler Army Airfield, adjacent Bldg. 107, will be closed at the Wright Avenue entrance throughout construction, through Dec. 18.

Remember, if you ‘See Something, Say Something’

ANTITERRORISM AND FORCE PROTECTION OFFICE
8th Theater Sustainment Command

FORT SHAFTER — Headquarters, Department of the Army annually declares the month of August as Antiterrorism Awareness Month.

One of the most important resources in reporting potential threats is the Army iWatch program.

This community program assists neighborhoods by providing tactics and procedures to stay safe from potential terrorist activities. The program focuses on behaviors and activities, not the individuals themselves.

“The iWatch program has been around for several years now, but the key, I think, is to constantly promote awareness of the program through training and other interactive mediums,” said Lee Wyatt, the 8th Theater Sustainment Command’s antiterrorism analyst.

According to Wyatt, without a constant reminder on the specifics of “See Something, Say Something,” people tend to forget what to do.

As such, it is important to review the elements involved with the catch phrase. As a general rule, it is important for all Soldiers, civilians and family members to constantly be aware of their surroundings. Realizing that someone is taking pictures of normal government buildings from the outside might be suspicious if



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they are not a building occupant or related to garrison maintenance units.

In the same light, persons who remain in a vehicle for odd periods of time may be suspicious, or if they are seen asking probing questions about security postures. When suspicious activity is ob-

served, the local police station should be called.

“If they are on an installation, they should call the Provost Marshal Office (PMO) or the military police desk to report. I wouldn’t necessarily recommend dialing 911 unless you witness an actual

crime in progress, but it is important not to just walk by and let it go,” said Capt. Caleb Lin, the 8th TSC’s antiterrorism and force protection officer.

The Army iWatch program has been proven in the past to assist in the disruption of terrorist planning activities. Each report is used as a piece to the puzzle in generating the entire picture. Pattern analysis is used to disrupt nefarious operations by law enforcement.

When reporting, it is important to provide as much information as possible to law enforcement. Don’t worry if you don’t have all the pieces of information; report what you can.

Lastly, do not put yourself in harm’s way to gather more information to report. Do not risk being seen by the person(s) who you are observing. Simply report what you can, immediately, and provide as much information as possible.

When in doubt, call authorities. If you see, smell or hear something that concerns you, and it just doesn’t feel right, report it.

Points of Contact
Call the Military Police Desk or Antiterrorism/Force Protection at the following numbers:

- MP Desk North, 655-7114.
- MP Desk South, 438-7114.
- AT/Force Protection, 656-6734.

Government contract defines working relationship with contractors

KARI HAWKINS
Army Materiel Command

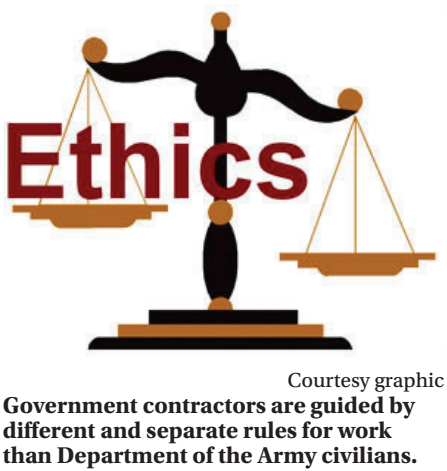
REDSTONE ARSENAL, Alabama — Contractor services are a vital part of government business. But, by no means, should contractors be treated like government employees.

“Contractor employees are highly valued members of the Department of the Army team. They play an important role in providing critical support and services, and often work alongside the government workforce,” said Larry Wilde, an Army Materiel Command attorney who works ethical issues for the command.

“For that reason, it can be easy to lose sight of the fact that they are not federal employees. At all times, government supervisors and employees must remember that a contract employee’s business relationship and workload is defined by a signed contract.”

Contractor employees are not subject to the same ethics laws and regulations – including the federal conflict of interest statutes – as government employees.

“When working with contractors, government personnel must be vigilant to avoid conflicts between their official duties and personal interests, and must avoid creating any appearance of endorsement or preferential treatment,” Wilde said. “The use of contractor personnel does not relieve federal employees of their responsibility to act, exercise discretion and make decisions on behalf



Courtesy graphic

Government contractors are guided by different and separate rules for work than Department of the Army civilians.

of the government.”

Government supervisors cannot supervise or direct, approve leave, train or approve training, conduct performance appraisals or evaluations, provide or approve awards and recognition, become involved in contractor hiring decisions or discipline contractor employees.

In turn, contractor employees may not supervise government personnel, supervise employees of other contractors, administer or supervise government procurement activities, perform inherently governmental functions and evaluate, discipline or reward government personnel.

Most contracts require contractor

companies to provide a trained and ready workforce, and to furnish all property necessary to perform the contract. If the government provides property and resources, contractor employees may only use them to fulfill the requirements of the contract, Wilde said.

A contractor employee’s time is managed by his or her contractor supervisor, not by government personnel, and any work hours billed the government must be in furtherance of the contract.

“A government supervisor may not authorize a contractor employee compensatory time, grant early release or authorize the contractor to leave their assigned workplace to participate in activities unrelated to performance of their contract, such as team-building exercises, ceremonies and office social events,” Wilde said.

He continued, “Their participation in such events should be approved by their contractor supervisor and, in many cases, should be at no expense to the government. Government officials may not ask contractor employees to volunteer to help set up office events, such as pot lucks and office parties.”

And, in all business matters, Federal Acquisition Regulations require that contractor employees must always identify themselves as contractors.

“Contractor personnel are required to identify their contractor status on their signature blocks, and when attending meetings, answering government tele-

phones and working in other situations where their contractor status is not obvious to third parties,” Wilde said.

“Documents or reports produced by contractors must be marked or otherwise disclosed as contract products. Contractor employees are often issued distinctive identification badges and email accounts that clearly identify them as contractor personnel. The purpose of these measures is to avoid any confusion about whether they are government officials.”

Assigning work is often a problem area. A contractor employee may only perform duties that fall within the scope of the contract.

“Under no circumstances should government supervisors ask for, direct or allow contractors to perform work that is not within the scope of their contract. Only a contracting officer is authorized to change contract terms and conditions,” Wilde said.

In addition, there are restrictions on conflicts of interest, gifts and outside employment in relation to contraction employment.

“Federal employees having contact with contractors in the workplace must adhere to the requirements of the ethics and acquisition rules that govern their relationship,” Wilde said. “Employees should consult with their supervisor or ethics counselor with any questions or concerns in this area.”

CYBERCOM: To be elevated

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reached full operational capability Oct. 31, 2010, but it is still growing and evolving. The command is concentrating on building its Cyber Mission Force, which should be complete by the end of fiscal year 2018, he said.

The force is expected to consist of almost 6,200 personnel organized into 133 teams.

All of the teams have already reached initial operational capability, and many are actively conducting operations. The force incorporates reserve component personnel and leverages key cyber talent from the civilian sector.

“This decision means that Cyber Command will play an even more strategic role in synchronizing cyber forces and training, conducting and coordinating military cyberspace

operations, and advocating for and prioritizing cyber investments within the department,” Rapuano said.

CYBERCOM already has been performing many responsibilities of a unified combatant command.

The elevation also raises the stature of the commander of Cyber Command to a peer level with the other unified combatant command commanders, allowing the CYBERCOM commander to report directly to the secretary of defense, Rapuano added.

The new command will be the central

point of contact for resources for the department’s operations in the cyber domain and will serve to synchronize cyber forces under a single manager. The commander will also ensure U.S. forces will be interoperable.

“This decision is a significant step in the department’s continued efforts to build its cyber capabilities, enabling Cyber Command to provide real, meaningful capabilities as a command on par with the other geographic and functional combat commands,” Rapuano said.

ASYMCA Hawaii celebrates 100 years of support

KAREN A. IWAMOTO
Staff Writer

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The Armed Services YMCA, here, celebrated its 100th anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 17, with food, family activities and a traditional Hawaiian blessing.

In addition to being a centennial celebration, the event was also an opportunity for the community to experience the Wheeler ASYMCA's newly renovated facilities.

Col. Stephen Dawson, commander of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, was among those who attended. He said he was glad to be there to mark the anniversary and reflect on the YMCA's past and future.

"Over this past century, the Armed Services YMCA has evolved to serve Soldiers, too, and their families," said Dawson. "This provides Soldiers a peace of mind when they deploy that their families are well cared for."

Spiffed up

USAG-HI provided the Wheeler branch of the ASYMCA with resources to obtain new flooring and newly painted walls in both of its buildings. Funding to renovate the kitchen and bathrooms came from private donations.

The renovations cost over \$100,000 and took approximately nine months to complete.

"I think (the renovations) are wonderful," said Therese Szatkowski, branch director of the Wheeler ASYMCA. "It was a great partnership between USAG-HI and the ASYMCA and allowed us to come together to give kids and their parents a good space to experience our programs."

Lorraine Horton, a veteran and Army spouse who has been on island for about nine months, brought her daughter, Talia Horton, to the celebration.

"It was a great opportunity for everyone to see the newly renovated buildings and we had a lot of fun," she said. "(Talia) got to play mini-golf and jump in the bounce house and play ring toss."

Lorraine and Talia participate in the ASYMCA's Parent Partnership Program, which lets parents participate in preschool classes with their child. This helps the child adjust to a school environment for the first time.

"We thank all of our Wheeler families for showing their support by attending the event and are humbled by the widespread support we were shown by other community members," said Faith Carrabis, regional director of the ASYMCA. "We look forward to another 100 years of serving Hawaii's Army Soldiers and their families."

PRESENT DAY



Today, ASYMCA focuses programs and services in three key areas: education and child care, financial support and assistance, and services that reduce military members' and families' feelings of isolation and loneliness. In fact, last year, ASYMCA provided services to over 333,124 times to military members and their families stationed on Oahu.



1917

In November 1917 the original Royal Hawaiian Hotel on Richards Street was purchased by a group of local businessmen. The building housed 25,000 Army and Navy servicemen during World War I.



1926

Nine years later the aging wooden structure was demolished to make way for the five-story concrete and stucco building that currently stands. It included 268 overnight rooms, a swimming pool, billiard hall, cafeteria and more.



1942

The Armed Services YMCA was used as an evacuation center and supported more than 1,000 families immediately following the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. During World War II, the Armed Services YMCA was a popular destination for servicemen. Activities included dances, meals, assistance with letter writing, and for many, served as their first introduction to the Aloha Spirit.



1970

By the mid-1970s, an increasing number of junior enlisted personnel were married and had children. The ASYMCA responded to the changing needs of the military by opening family centers and programs on bases throughout Oahu. The Armed Services YMCA was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

Serving military families

The ASYMCA continues to serve military families in the Aloha State. The ASYMCA provides the following services to help Hawaii's military families. For more information, contact the Wheeler branch of the ASYMCA at 624-5645.

•Children's Waiting Room

Parents in need of a safe and professional environment for their children while they attend medical appointments can turn to this service, available at Tripler Army Medical Center and the U.S. Army Health Center-Schofield Barracks. Reservations strongly recom-

mended. Call 433-3270 (TAMC) and 433-8410 (USAHC-SB).

•Early Learning Readiness

A precursor to preschool, this program offers two-hour structured learning for babies to 5-year-old children and their caregivers.

•Father/Daughter Dance

This social event strengthens the bond between fathers and their daughters by providing an elegant evening of dinner and dancing. This year's event is scheduled for October.

•Food for Families

The ASYMCA of Honolulu provides

free emergency food and groceries via the food pantries at its three branches.

•Operation Holiday Joy

This program provides commissary gift cards and food items to help military families have Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

•Home School Program

This educational service supplements the education of home-schooled children. Each child is guided, supported and encouraged to work at their own pace.

•Operation Hero

First-to-sixth graders experiencing challenges at school get one-on-one after school tutoring and mentoring that promote social responsibility through team-building activities.

•Operation Kid Comfort

ASYMCA of Honolulu volunteers make custom-made quilts and pillows for children whose military parents are deployed. The quilts and pillows are

designed with photos of the children's deployed parents.

•Parent Participation Preschool

This program allows parents to work alongside their child's preschool teacher to help their child transition into a structured learning environment with their peers.

•Playmorning Program

This program is for infants to 5 year olds and promotes social skills, literacy, creativity and motor skills.

•Educational and Summer Camps

These are hosted several times a year. Contact the ASYMCA for more information.

•Special Events

Additionally, the ASYMCA also hosts mother/son events, Healthy Kids Day activities, Military Child Day celebrations, Easter events, Kids in the Kitchen classes, Cookies with Santa, Mother's Day teas and other activities throughout the year.



The interior of the ASYMCA building at Wheeler shows examples of new paint and flooring as part of an over \$100,000 renovation.



Landon Cutlip (left) and Whitaker Pillen play at the ASYMCA, Wednesday. The ASYMCA recently completed a nine-month renovation.



Lauren Horner and her daughter, Morgan, sit in class at the ASYMCA on Wheeler Army Airfield, Wednesday.



Shown above are the lobby and play areas in the Wheeler ASYMCA building.



Briefs

25 / Friday

BOSS Volunteer Opportunity — Take part in the Amazing Hawaii Comic Convention, Aug. 25-27. Volunteers can register at amazingcomiccon.com. Call 352-223-6370.

Paint and Sip — Paint a picture on canvas at SB Tropics from 7-9 p.m. while sipping your beverage of choice for \$35. Class includes all painting supplies and instruction. Preregistration is required. Call 655-5698.

SB Hawaiian Lunch Buffet — Monthly special held at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for \$14.95 per person. Call 655-4466.

FS Hawaiian Lunch Buffet — Dine at FS Hale Ikena from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 438-1974.

Leilehua Concert Series — Enjoy live music from 6-8 p.m. at The Grill at Leilehua Golf Course. Call 655-4653.

Right Arm Night — Enjoy a night of camaraderie at two locations: SB Nehelani or FS Hale Ikena at 5 p.m. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Call 655-4466.

26 / Saturday

Family and MWR Ultimate Challenge — Clue-based competition starts at SB Tropics Recreation Center at 9 a.m.; cost is \$25 for participants 10 and up. Enter as a team (two) or individually with prizes awarded. Event T-shirt included. Register online or call 656-0113.

Soldier Rap Battle — Rap Battle features a 45-second open category at SB Tropics Recreation Center from 7-9 p.m. Preregistration is required by Aug. 25; see the front desk for registration information. Must provide music. Food and beverages available for purchase. Call 655-5698.

28 / Monday

Million Dollar Soldier Refresher — This training provides Soldiers with valuable financial tools at SB ACS from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Topics include saving, credit, investing and big purchases. Call 655-4227 to register.

PPP-S Federal Applications for Military Spouses — Priority Placement Program S for Military Spouses seeking civil service DOD careers. Learn all you

MONDAY AT AMR



Hiring Fair

August 28, 2017
Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR)
Recreation Complex
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Hiring for all positions

JOIN OUR DYNAMIC TEAM!

To be considered for an interview, please bring/have the following:

- ▶ Resume
- ▶ (2) Professional References with Contact Information
- ▶ DD214 (For Veterans)
- ▶ Spouse Orders (For Military Spouses)
- ▶ SF50 or DA3434 (For Current Employees)

Additional Requirement for Child & Youth Services Vacancies

- ▶ High School Diploma and College Transcripts

Note. Applicants who participate in the Job Fair will receive first consideration. All job offers are tentative pending clearance of background checks or consideration of preference eligible candidates.

For a list of current Family and MWR vacancies, visit HiMWR.com or USAjobs.gov - Search Hawaii

IPC Community Center | 114 Kauhinin Rd., Bldg. 1780, Honolulu | 808-656-3318



Photo courtesy of Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION — The Family and MWR Hiring Fair at AMR Community Center (114 Kauhini Road), from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., offers interviews for all positions. Tentative job offers on site. For a list of current vacancies along with documents needed, visit www.himwr.com.

need to know about PPP-S. Learn the do's and the don'ts for applying. Also includes step-by-step instructions on preparing your package at SB ACS from 10-11 a.m. Call 655-4227.

Stress Solutions — Held from noon-1 p.m. Learn the causes of stress as well as how it affects our lives. Practice techniques such as positive self-talk and how to not take things personally. We also introduce a variety of relaxation techniques. Call SB ACS at 655-4227.

Mongolian Barbeque — Choose your own vegetables and meats for a delicious stir-fry Mondays at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill, 1249 Kolekole Ave., from 5-8 p.m. Call 655-4466.

29 / Tuesday

Taco Tuesday Night — Every Tuesday come to the SB Kolekole Bar & Grill for Taco Tuesday Night. Enjoy three tacos, rice and beans for only \$4.99 per person from 5-8 p.m. Call 655-4466.

31 / Thursday

Extreme Couponing — Workshop held at SB ACS from 10-11:30 a.m. and will teach you how to read coupons, where to find them, etiquette, terminology and more. Notepad and pen needed. Call 655-4227.

Coding with Color — Explore coding basics by creating with littleBits (color-coded, magnetic electronic

building blocks) at SB Sgt. Yano Library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Open to youth 10-17. Space is limited. Preregistration required. Call 655-8002.

BOSS Event — Virtual Reality Gaming held at SB Tropics. Call 352-223-6370.

Ongoing

Flag Football — Registration is open to company level, Army active duty, Reserve and Army National Guard companies within the geographical limits of Hawaii. All players must play for their assigned/attached company/unit. Registration is available now at any Army PFC.

Preseason starts Aug. 28. All preseason games will be held at Stoneman Stadium, SB. Regular season runs Sept. 5-Nov. 3. Playoffs start Nov. 6. Call 655-9650/0856/9914.

Paniolo Salad — This is the August featured salad. Enjoy fresh ingredients off FS Hale Ikena's salad bar to build your very own salad, weekdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Just follow along with our monthly recipe card and enjoy. Call 438-1974.

Public School Registration — Registration is accepted throughout the year. Register your child for school. Call the Army School Liaison Office at 655-8326.

Youth Sports & Fitness — Summer registration is open for flag football (youth born 2001-2012, \$55), cheerleading (youth born 2001-2012, \$55) and folk style wrestling (youth born 2001-2012, \$55). Call 655-6465 or 836-1923.

Preschool Story Time — Attend every Tuesday for stories, songs, dancing and a craft at 10 a.m. at FS Library. Call 438-9521.

Resiliency through Art — This program focuses on self-expression through art in a small group setting at the SB Arts & Crafts Center every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call 655-4202 as registration is required.

Quilting and Sewing — Every Tuesday and Sunday, attend quilting and sewing from 5-8 p.m. or 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for \$25 (first class) or \$6 (each additional class) at the SB Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 572. Ages 17 and up recommended; for younger patrons, call 655-4202.

Preschool Story Time — Attend every Wednesday for stories, songs, dancing and a craft at 10 a.m. at SB Sgt. Yano Library. Call 655-8002.

Lei Making — Learn to make a beautiful lei every Friday for \$15 at the SB Arts and Crafts Center from 1-2 p.m. Call 655-4202.

Clay Hand Building — Attend at the SB Arts & Crafts Center, Thursday, from 1-3 p.m. The first session is \$25; additional sessions are \$5. Call 655-4202.

Pottery Wheel Throwing — This class includes instruction and firing up to 15 pieces during class time, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., on Sundays, and 5-8 p.m., on Tuesdays. Costs \$100 for a 10-week session at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 572. Ages 17 & up recommended; for younger patrons call 655-4202.

Ceramic Mold Pouring — One session costs \$25, including supplies, from 10 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, and 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays, at SB Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 572, 919 Humphreys Road. Ages 17 & up are recommended; for younger patrons, call 655-4202.

Mom & Tots — SB Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 572, 919 Humphreys Road, every Thursday for moms (or a parent/guardian) to enjoy mixed media crafting at \$5 from 10-11 a.m. Call 655-4202.

Mongolian BBQ — Choose your own vegetables and meats for a delicious stir-fry. Get barbecue on Mondays at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill, 1249 Kolekole Ave., from 5-8 p.m. Call 655-4466.

Sundae Monday at Hale Ikena — Every Monday at FS from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Build your own ice cream sundae for \$14.95. Call 438-1974.

community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

25 / Friday

Sunset Bazaar — Every Friday, 4-9 p.m., Kakaako Park, Honolulu, and enjoy end-of-week pau hana with live music, food, shopping and beverages. More info at streetgrindz.com.

26 / Saturday

SB Kolekole Walking-Hiking Trail — The trail is closed for hiking this weekend due to live-fire training.

Note, it will be open the Labor Day holiday weekend, Sept. 2-4.

No-Fleas Flea Market — Hawaiian Humane Society hosts from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and is also seeking all types of gently-used donations of clothing, jewelry, small appliances, electronics and sporting goods.

Flea market donations can be delivered to the Waialae Avenue donation drop-off between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and to the Admissions Center donation drop-off after 5 pm. Call 356-2236.

Family Fishing — Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden in Kaneohe hosts this free catch and release family event, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Bring walking shoes, insect repellent, rain gear and fishing bait (fresh white bread).

A limited number of bamboo poles are available to borrow on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a 20-minute hike to the fishing area. For reservations, call 233-7323.

Keiki Tradewind Triathlon — Marine Corps Base Hawaii opens the installation for 7-10 year olds and 11-14 year olds for swim-bike-run events, beginning at 6:30 a.m., at Hangar 101. Visit MCCSHawaii.com/TradewindTri. (Note, online registration closed Aug. 22.)

Greek Festival — Greek specialties like spanakopita (Spinach Pie), gyro sandwiches, moussaka, Greek chicken, souvlaki (shish-ka-bob), loukaniko (Greek sausage), a variety of Greek salads, imported Greek beer, spirits and Greed wines, from noon-9 p.m., at McCoy Pavilion, 1201 Ala Moana.

Learn to dance Greek and then join the fun with live music

on the main courtyard stage. Visit greekfestivalhawaii.com.

27 / Sunday

Tradewind Triathlon Kaneohe Bay — Marine Corps Base Hawaii opens the installation for a 500-meter swim, an 11-mile bike and a 5-kilometer run, beginning at 6:30 a.m. at Hangar 101. Open to military and civilians. Visit MCCSHawaii.com/TradewindTri. (Note, on-line registration closed Aug. 22.)

29 / Tuesday

FS Thrift Shop — Clothes, kitchenware and more offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Bldg. 342, Pierce Street, on FS. Visit www.huispirit.com.

September

1 / Friday

Oahu Holistic Expo — Readers, healers and exhibitors gather Friday and Saturday at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibition Center; tickets are \$10.

2 / Saturday

Battleship Missouri — Memorial commemoration of the ending of World War II is open to the public and begins at 9 a.m. with guests seated by 8:45 a.m. on the ship's fantail. Complimentary round-trip shuttle service for the ceremony

will be offered from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center beginning at 8 a.m.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission, which includes choice of an optional tour, is \$27 per adult and \$13 per child (4-12). Military, kama'aina (local resident) and school group pricing is available. Call 1-877-644-4896 or visit USSMissouri.org.

VegFest Oahu — This free community festival will celebrate plant-based, sustainable living, noon-5:30 p.m., at the Frank Fasi Civic Grounds near Honolulu Hale. Lectures, demonstrations and samples. Also, engage in the Learning Kitchen while watching vegan-cooking demos by expert chefs. Visit VegFestOahu.com.

8 / Friday

Hawaii Woman Expo — Sewing, quilting and craft show runs Friday though Sunday at the NBC Exhibition Hall. Visit hawaiiwomanexpo.com/.

9 / Saturday

Kristi Yamaguchi — Champion figure skater performs Saturday and Sunday, at the Blaisdell Arena. Tickets begin at \$40. Contact Ticketmaster.com

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This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



Atomic Blonde (R)

Friday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.

The Emoji Movie (PG)

Saturday, Aug. 26, 4 p.m.

Dunkirk (PG-13)

Saturday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.



Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets (PG-13)

Sunday, Aug. 27, 4 p.m.

Closed Monday through Thursday.

Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan
AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
CDC: Child Development Center
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FCC: Family Child Care
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare

and Recreation
FRG: Family Readiness Group
FS: Fort Shafter
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
IPC: Island Palm Communities
PFC: Physical Fitness Center
SAC: School Age Center
SB: Schofield Barracks

SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

New mobile-friendly Commissaries.com arrives

CHRIS HORNE
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Virginia — Commissaries.com has a new look this month, with updated and mobile-friendly designs that are designed to give patrons easier access to beneficial information and sales events directly from their smartphone or tablet.

“Over half of our patrons already use their mobile devices for accessing our current website,” said Ronald Kelly, chief of corporate communications for the Defense Commissary Agency. “So, the time is right for us to move to a platform that allows patrons on the go an easier connection to all the online features that help them get the most from their benefit.”



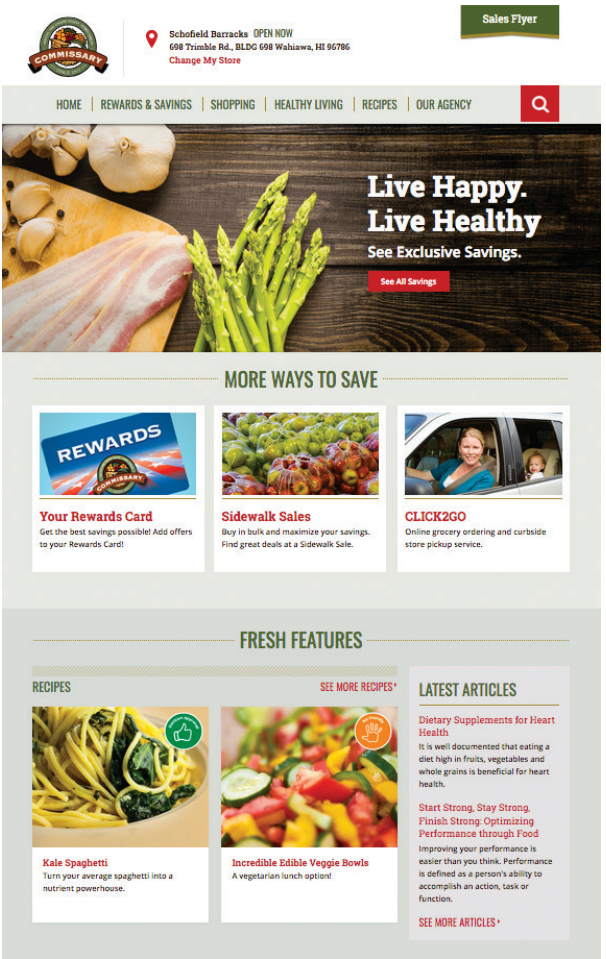
- A new “Savings Center” that collects all deals and events, such as the current sales flyer and savings aisle information, in an easy-to-use card format.
- A new “Healthy Living” section, featuring guest articles, “Thinking Outside the Box” recipes and other essential information that promote health and wellness for patrons and their families.

Recipe access
Recipes can now be searched on the page by type, main ingredient or category, such as a “Holiday” recipe, “20-Minute Meal” or “Dietitian Approved” to make finding that essential part of your meal quick and easy.

“I’m a commissary patron, and I’ll enjoy an easier trek to the website with my smartphone – whether I’m in the commissary parking lot or right there in the store with the free Wi-Fi,” Kelly said. “With a more mobile-friendly experience, my access to everyday savings is just a few handheld clicks away.”

More Online
Check out the latest news, find a store near you, see what’s on sale, create a shopping list, learn of food and product recalls, scan employment opportunities, read frequently asked questions, or submit a customer comment form online through DeCA’s Your Action Line and more.

To learn more about the Defense Commissary Agency, visit www.commissaries.com to get all the information you need.



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Community involvement could net \$5,000 scholarship

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE
Public Affairs

DALLAS — Students who go above and beyond in making a difference in their community could reap a handsome reward for their service in the Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s Rewards of Caring Scholarship contest.

To enter, authorized students in grades 6-12, with a 2.5 or higher GPA, can submit an essay in English of 500 words or less explaining why their community and involvement in community service projects is important to them.

Four winners worldwide will each be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship, courtesy of Unilever.

“Giving back and serving the community is important at any age,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis

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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

How To Enter:
Submit entry form with essay by
September 14, 2017
(500 words or less, in English) explaining why your community and your involvement in community service projects are important to you.

Send Entries To:
AAFES Rewards of Caring Scholarship Contest
PO Box 7837
Melville NY 11775-7837

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Authorized students in grades 6-12 are eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship by submitting an essay explaining their involvement in community service projects. Entry forms can be obtained at any Exchange outlet worldwide or at ShopMyExchange.com

Reyes, Exchange senior enlisted adviser. “This contest gives the Exchange the opportunity to recognize and reward those students that are truly making a difference.”

Entry tip
Entry forms can be obtained at the Exchange or at ShopMyExchange.com/sweepstakes. The essay and entry form must be postmarked by Sept. 14 and

mailed to the following address:
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Movie ‘Friendly Persuasion’ offers reminder why Mom was right

Back in the 1980s, when my mother’s favorite film aired on TV, she would try desperately to get our family to watch it.

“C’mon,” she’d beg, “there’s an incorrigible goose and a sweet little Quaker family. You’ll love it!”

A goose and Quakers? Needless to say, we never saw the film. We were too busy watching “Gremlins” to bother.

Little did we know then, Mom’s favorite flick, “Friendly Persuasion,” a 1956 production starring Gary Cooper as the patriarch of a Quaker family in 1862, struggling to maintain pacifist views in the face of the Civil War, addresses complex philosophical notions about nonviolence that have modern relevance.

The movie was nominated for six Academy awards including Best Picture, and in the 1980s, President Ronald Regan gave a copy of the film to Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev, suggesting that the two countries resolve their differences peacefully.

Yeah, but “Gremlins” has Phoebe Cates and that cute little fuzzball, Gizmo. So, there.

In all seriousness, I regret that I spent my youth too focused on applying frosted strawberry lip gloss to think deeply about civil rights and violence in America. Later, as a military spouse, my attentions turned to foreign enemies during my husband’s 28 years on active duty. I wasn’t really concerned about conflicts on U.S. turf.



their heels in, pulling each other apart in a mean-spirited tug-of-war on every issue. Everyone is so focused on aggressively vilifying the opposition; hope for compromise seems lost and violence is considered justifiable.

If we’re ever going to find a solution to our current civil rights conflict, Americans must stop yelling, “Lalalala, I can’t hear you!” with our fingers jammed in our ears. It’s time to try, yep, I’m gonna say it, a little friendly persuasion.

I’m not advocating that we waste a Sunday afternoon watching an old movie about some goodie-two-shoes Quakers. I’m saying that friendly persuasion can be a powerful tactic for change.

Martin Luther King Jr. proved this in the 1950s and 60s, when his peaceful resistance movement prompted the most sweeping reforms in racial equality since slavery was abolished.

Many activists today don’t believe that a central figure like King is needed for civil rights reform. Protests are sparked organically via social media and grassroots efforts, without a charismatic public leader at the helm of each cause.

But as the current civil rights conflicts get uglier and bloodier, King’s methods



Courtesy photo

“Friendly Persuasion” is a 1956 movie starring Gary Cooper.

should be considered.

King advocated “nonviolent direct action” as a means of “disarming the opponent” and felt that riots were ineffective.

“(R)ioting is not revolutionary, but reactionary, because it invites defeat. It involves an emotional catharsis, but it

must be followed by a sense of futility,” he said.

King said that nonviolence “helps us to see the enemy’s point of view, to hear his questions, to know his assessment of ourselves. For, from his view, we may indeed see the basic weaknesses of our own condition, and if we are mature, we may learn and grow and profit from the wisdom of the brothers who are called the opposition.”

And on hate, he said, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

As military families who are accustomed to worrying about the safety of active duty Soldiers and Sailors in combat against foreign enemies, we must consider that disputes between fellow U.S. citizens – be it marching in the streets or commenting on social media – require rational, respectful debate rather than physical force and hate speech.

I still have no interest in that silly goose, but I must admit, my mother was right. Friendly persuasion is a worth a look.

(For more Molinari observations, visit www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com.)

Strained times
But today, some are predicting that the United States is on the brink of a second Civil War, or at least a second civil rights movement. Racial tensions are peaking. Violent extremist groups are making a comeback. Media is no longer hiding its bias, but rather using it to attract like-minded viewers who won’t decry their version of the news as propaganda.

Diversity of thought is not tolerated in an era celebrating diversity of religion, race, gender and sexual identity. Republicans and Democrats are digging

Learning to surf offers life lessons

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) BRANDON MOORE
2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — To be honest, I am probably one of the worst surfers you will ever meet, but I am a surfer.

I have felt the exhilaration of standing on a board, seemingly gliding through the air while being pushed by a wave. I have surfed, if only for a moment.

I have paddled out and thought I was going to die. I have almost drowned, and have had water dripping out of my nose all day. But I haven't quit.

Once you have surfed, it is hard to stay on the shore.

Dawn patrol
One morning I went out on dawn patrol (surfer lingo for early morning). It was pouring rain, and I looked at my coach and said we could just go out another time. He smiled at me and replied that we were going to get wet anyway, so we might as well go out. I was unsure and honestly a little scared, but paddled out and gave it a go.

My coach told me every time you get out, you learn something and get better. That day I probably learned more about myself than I did surfing.

Recently, I read a quote by Jon Kabat Zinn that resonated with me: "You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf."



Moore

Think about it for a minute with me.

Consider control
You can't stop the waves. Waves are like the ups and downs of life. They keep coming and are often unpredictable. They hit often, again and again. No matter how hard we want the waves of life to stop, we don't control them.

Have you ever asked when will these stop?

Imagine walking out into the ocean and yelling at the waves to stop, as they keep crashing into you.

Realize you have a choice; you can learn to surf.

Think about what you can control. What would it look like to find a board and a coach for life and hit the waves with renewed focus? Rather than being afraid, you can engage life and learn the skills to surf what comes our way.

Life hits hard
Like my coach said, we are going to get wet anyway, we might as well go out. You will get hurt. People will disappoint you. You will make mistakes. And life will hit you hard in ways you won't expect.

My challenge is that no matter how big your waves get, hit the waves of life



and keep paddling. Get beyond the break.

Look to religion and spirituality as a guide. Find friends, mentors and communities to encourage you. Difficult challenges and profound opportunities will come your way. Don't be afraid. Every time you go out, you will learn.

Maybe, you will catch a wave and have the time of your life.

HAWAII CONSUMER ASSISTANCE



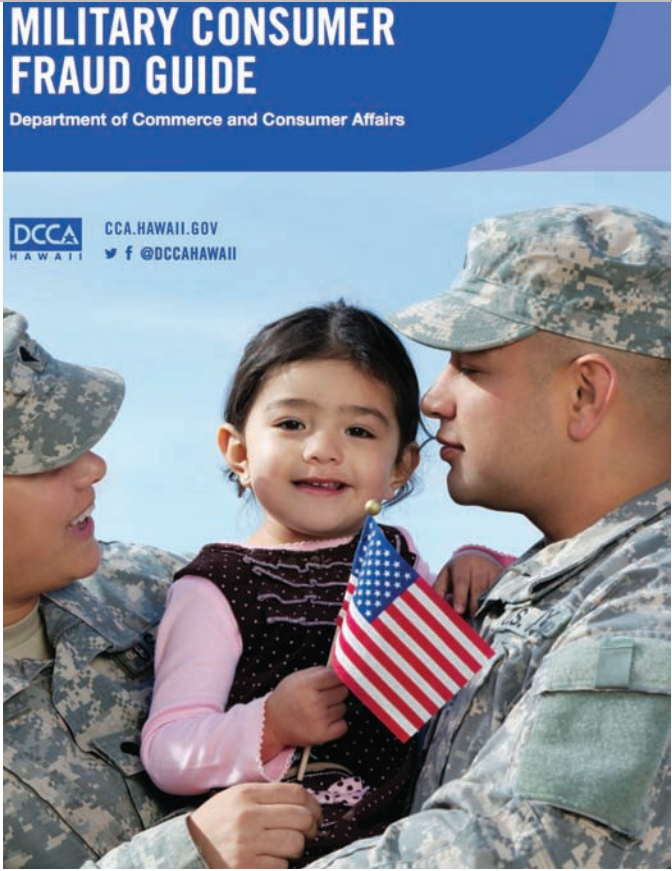
As part of its outreach to protect consumers across the State of Hawaii, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs has produced a guide for members of the military and their families.

The guide is tailored to assist with a transition to Hawaii and provides relevant information such as navigating state laws, getting insurance, spotting scams or fraud, purchasing vehicles and homes, and lots more.

A soft copy of the guide is available at <http://cca.hawaii.gov/militaryconsumer/>.

Physical copies of the guide will be available at Army Community Service soon.

The State of Hawaii DCCA is located at 335 Merchant St., Honolulu.



Courtesy of Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

community calendar

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or call the NBC ticket office info line at 768-5252.

Sea Life Park's Grandparents Week
— Residents and visitors can treat their grandparents to a visit at the Park with a special admission discount for the whole family beginning Saturday, Sept. 9-17. Call (808) 259-2500, or visit www.sealifeparkhawaii.com.

Greenroom Festival Hawaii '17 — Various performers at Waikiki Shell. Door opens at 3 p.m. Performances start 4 p.m. For more details, visit greenroomfest.com/.

Out of the Darkness Walk — American Foundation for Suicide Prevention unites those who have been affected by suicide and creates communities that are smart about mental health. Join the walk, check-in/registration is at 8 a.m., the walk begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 9, at Ala Moana Beach Park at Magic Island. To register, visit <https://afsp.donordrive.com/>.

14 / Thursday
Back-to-School Sale — Service members and military families at Hickam and Schofield Barracks can save on educational essentials during a special back-to-school event at the Exchange, Sept. 14-17.

The event, which coincides with the Defense Commissary Agency's Back-to-School Sidewalk Sale, will feature a host of offers, attractions and activities, including games, food and giveaways.

17 / Sunday
Richard Marx — Singer performs at the NBC Concert Hall, 7 p.m. Visit ticketmaster.com.



Additional religious services, children's programs, educational services and contact information can be found at <https://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/rso/USARHAW%20Chapel%20Services.pdf>.

AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel

FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel

HMR: Helemano Chapel

MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks

PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor

SC: Soldiers' Chapel, Schofield Barracks

TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel

WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Last Wednesday, 6 p.m. at MPC

Catholic Mass

- Monday-Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers' Chapel
- Thursday, 11:45 a.m. at AMR
- Wednesday, 5 p.m. at MPC
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, noon at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic


- Friday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR (Call 477-7647)

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH (Call 473-3971)

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 9 a.m. at MPC (Contemporary)
 - 9 a.m. at FD
 - 9 a.m. at TAMC
 - 10 a.m. at HMR (Contemporary)
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR (Contemporary)
 - 11 a.m. at WAAF (Contemporary)



23 / Saturday
Living History Day — From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. In partnership with Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day Live! visitors presenting a Museum Day Live! ticket will receive free admission to Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Event will feature student-created exhibits, special presentations and World War II-themed activities. Download free tickets at www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-live-2017.

Aloha Festivals Street Fest — Aloha Week event expected to have 15,000+ participants, 5:30-11 p.m., along Kalakaua Avenue. Visit www.alohafestivals.com.

OK needed for auto refill prescriptions

Consent for prescription refills begins Sept. 1

MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM
News Release

Beginning Sept. 1, Express Scripts will need annual consent from patients who want to receive automatic refills of their maintenance medications enrolled in TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery.

This means that just before one of your prescriptions runs out of refills, Express Scripts will reach out to you to know if you would like your doctor to be contacted to renew the prescription and if you’d like to continue in the Automatic Refill program. If not, Express Scripts will not refill your prescription.

“This new process gives beneficiaries more control over their medications and keeps the convenience of automatic refills,” said Amy Aldighere, Express Scripts senior director, DOD Program Management. “It also makes it easier to opt out of the Auto Refill program and helps



Courtesy of TRICARE

to prevent beneficiaries from receiving medications that they no longer need or shouldn’t receive.”

When the last refill of a medication enrolled in the Automatic Refill program ships, Express Scripts will reach out to you by telephone and/or email (depending on the preference you indicated) and ask the following:

- Would you like Express Scripts to reach out to your doctor for a new prescription?
- Do you want to keep your medication

enrolled in the Auto Refill program?

Re-enrollment

Again, Express Scripts will not re-enroll your medication unless they hear from you. You have several ways to respond:

- 1) By phone, via the automated phone call from Express Scripts.
- 2) By calling an Express Scripts Patient Care Advocate (PCA) at 1-877-363-1303.
- 3) Online at Express-Scripts.com/TRICARE.

If Express Scripts does not receive your consent within 10 days of reaching out to you, it will remove your medication from the Auto Refill program. However, re-enrolling is simple. You can re-enroll your medication at any time online, or through a PCA.

Point of Contact

For details, call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303 to speak with a PCA. Visit www.express-scripts.com/tricare.

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Gear up for school



Schools play a critical role in promoting the health and safety of young people and helping them establish lifelong healthy behavior patterns.

Whether your children are heading to kindergarten or college, health and safety should always be at the top of the list.

When preparing for school, make sure to keep these tips in mind:

- Check that your children are up to date on vaccinations.
- Know the ABCs of concussions.
- Be aware of warning signs and the effects of bullying and other youth violence.
- Pledge to keep your teen drivers safe.
- Stay involved in your children’s school life to support their health and learning.